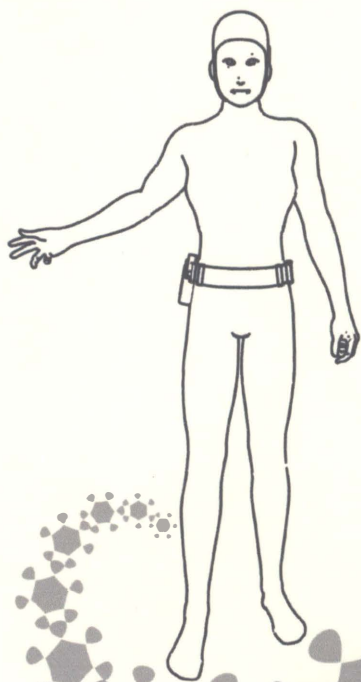
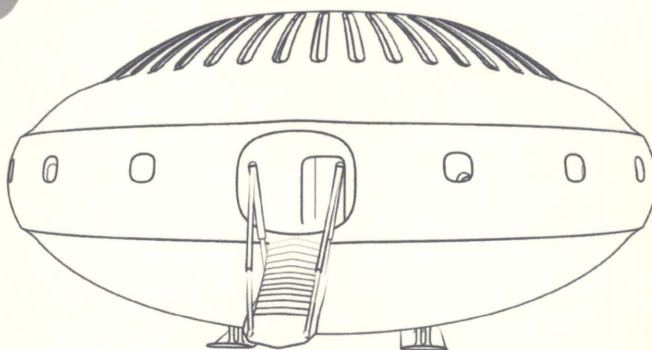
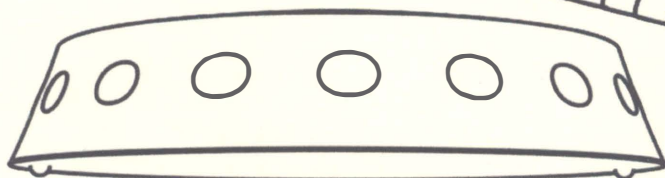
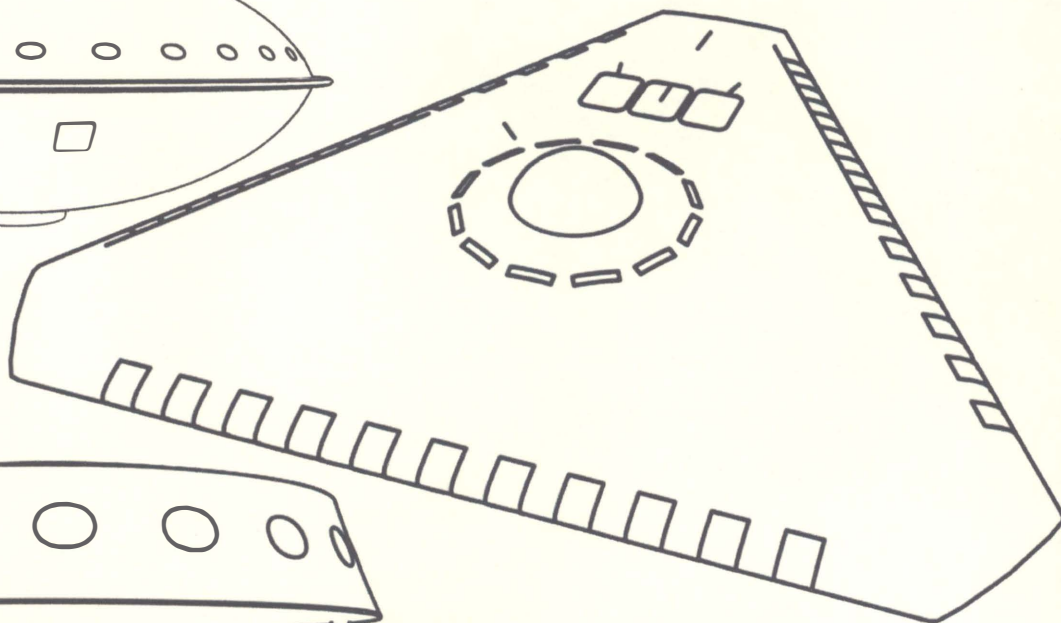
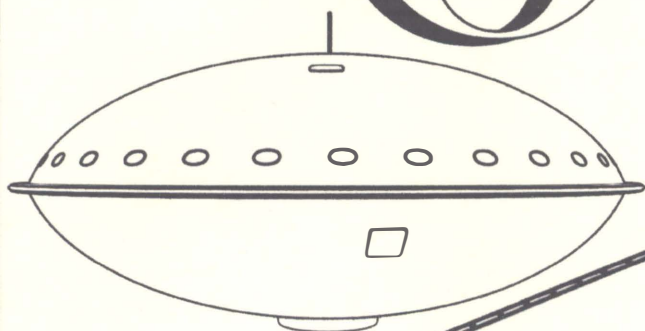




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THE RUSSIAN METEOR EXPLOSION: Feb. 15th. 2012

A meteor exploded in the daytime skies of Chelyabinsk, Russian. Shock waves from the blast shattered windows in many buildings and sent onlookers to the hospital with wounds from flying glass. The meteoroid entered the atmosphere just as asteroid 2012 DA14 was approaching Earth for a record-setting close approach later in the day. However, NASA says there is no connection between the two: the Russian meteor and 2012 DA14 have different trajectories. A cosmic coincidence?



Alien Slime Found at Somerset Nature Reserve after Meteor Strike

Experts are examining a mysterious slime in a Somerset nature reserve in the wake of a meteor strike thousands of miles away in Russia.

Translucent goo which resembles "something living" was discovered at the pretty Ham Wall reserve by nature lovers. Theories abound about what the jelly is - from "crystallised brain fungus" to the decomposing remains of a dead frog. Baffled site manager Steve Hughes said: "Whatever it is, it's very weird."

The unexplained blobs had cropped up all around the reserve. "This past week we've been finding piles of this translucent jelly dotted around the reserve," he said. "Always on grass banks away from the water's edge. They are usually about 10cm (4in) in diameter. We've asked experts what it might be but no one is really sure. Whatever it is, it's very weird".

According to local folklore, the substance appears in the aftermath of meteor showers. Previous manifestations of it date to the 14th century, according to records.

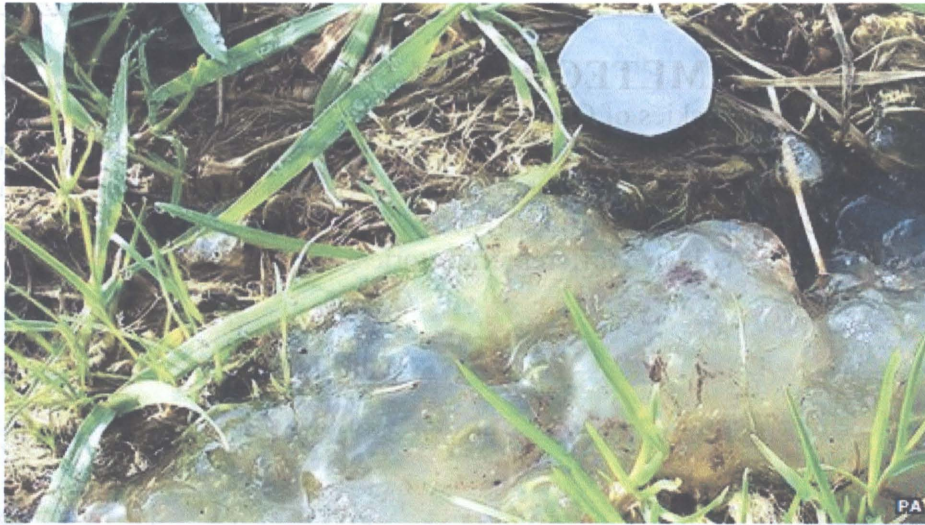
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During that period the slime has acquired celestial monikers including "star jelly," "astral jelly," or even "astromyxin".

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds spokesman Tony Whitehead said: "In folklore it is said to be deposited in the wake of meteor showers. It's great that in this day and age that there are still mysteries out there.

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/articles/436854/20130219/russia-meteor-goo-somerset.htm>

RSPB Ham Wall 'slime' baffles experts



Bosses at the RSPB are keen to hear from anyone who can identify the mystery substance.

Scientists at a nature reserve in Somerset have been baffled by a jelly-like slime which has appeared in a number of locations at the site.

Experts are divided over the origin of the jelly which has been found on grass banks away from the water's edge at the RSPB's Ham Wall base.

Spokesman Tony Whitehead said although unknown, similar substances have been noted in historical records. Visitors are being asked to report findings but warned not to touch it.

Scientific speculation as to the nature of the jelly is varied with one of the more favoured explanations that it is a form of cyanobacteria called Nostoc. Others suggest that it is the remains of the regurgitated innards of amphibians such as frogs and toads and of their spawn.

"In records dating back to the 14th Century it's known variously as star jelly, astral jelly or astromyxin," Mr Whitehead said. "In folklore it is said to be deposited in the wake of meteor showers."

Mr Whitehead added: "It's great that in this day and age that there are still mysteries out there". "We've read a few articles now and much speculation".

"One suggested it was neither animal nor plant, and another that it didn't contain DNA, although it does give the appearance of something 'living'."

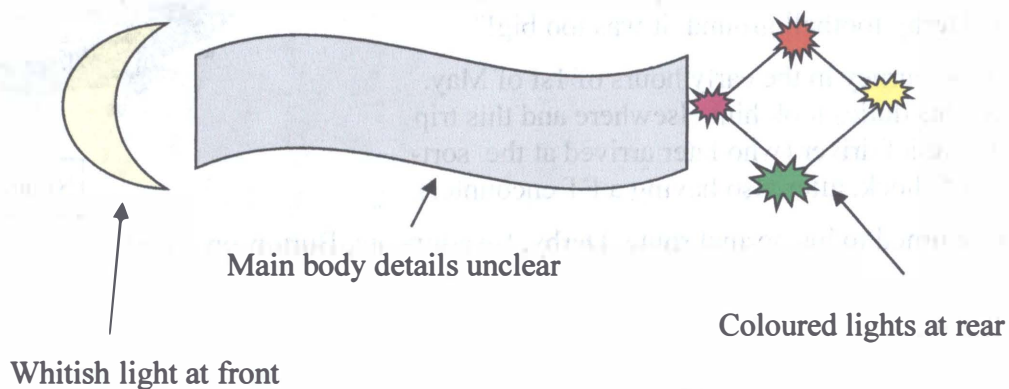
"Our reserve team will be looking out for the slime over the next few days, but if anyone can offer any explanations we'd be glad to hear from them."

ED: A Cosmic Coincidence or what?

UFO Witnessed Over Derby By Experienced Witness On 12th-13th January 2013

We were recently contacted by veteran UFO experiencer Tom Culleton shortly after he had seen a large illuminated, (apparently) structured craft over the Spondon area of Derby. Initially the lights were seen at 2340Hrs - on Saturday night 12th January 2013 until 0015 Hrs. on the 13th January.

The object, described as a "big object" was illuminated by a 'whitish' round light at the front, with other coloured lights seen on the object at the rear where there were numerous lights, Purple, Red, Yellow in the shape of a large diamond.



Tom Culleton and his wife Jill watched the object for some time and by 0200Hrs. It had moved some distance away to the right and appeared to be over the Alvaston area.

The couple had during the course of their observation, opened their window and confirmed that the object was silent and they could hear no noise coming from the object. Shortly afterwards the couple decided to call a halt to their observations for the night.

ED: *There was a subsequent report from Woodville, Derbyshire on the 13th January at 20.45Hrs. By Victoria Haywood: "I was just talking to my friend and I saw, like a grey square in the sky and it had an orange light on every corner. It was scary, I've got no photo's, then it just disappeared.....how strange!*

It was at this stage of our discussion that Tom Culleton referred to the wealth of UFO experiences he had undergone back in May 1996 when he was a Postal Van driver, shuttling parcels etc., between the Derby mail centre and the Burton on Trent mail centre (approx. 15 miles).

A POSTAL DRIVERS SHOCKING JOURNEY

In the early hours of Wednesday 1st of May 1996, postal driver Mr Tom Culleton was travelling on his nightly route which runs between Derby, Burton-on-Trent and Swadlincote.

It was a journey that the driver had travelled frequently over the previous three years. They were routine journeys delivering parcels between the various postal depots, normally without incident and Tom had no reason to believe that this night was going to be any different.

Tom takes up the story:- "I was driving a Post Office mail van along the A50 Swadlincote to Burton-on-Trent road. It was approximately 1.50am as I approached the Stanhope Arms Hotel."

"It was just after passing the Chesterfield Arms, that I noticed a **bright light** in the sky ahead of me and slightly to my right".

"It appeared to be descending and coming in my direction. It was a dark night, but clear."

"As I passed the Burton golf course, the houses to my right obscured my view of it. For some unknown reason, I stopped at the Bretby lane junction, where I could see up Bretby lane".

"The object appeared just above the houses and it passed across Bretby lane. It was very large, the colour of the object was greyish. It had lots of very bright lights and a green light at the rear, the same as a traffic light green colour. I thought it looked like the U.S. Space Shuttle in shape and size, as I have seen it on TV after it has landed."

"I could see some windows, they were square but rounded in the corners." "It crossed over Bretby lane and to me at least, it seemed to be going very slowly, almost in slow motion! It then disappeared behind the houses."

"It made no noise, it was silent. I may be wrong, but to me it appeared to be approx. 200 yards away from me when it crossed over Bretby lane. It was the size of a U.S. Space Shuttle, it could not have landed on Derby football ground, it was too big!"

Tom travelled on this journey in the early hours of 1st of May. On the 2nd of May, his duties took him elsewhere and this trip was undertaken by a relief driver (who later arrived at the sorting office in a state of shock, after also having a FT encounter).



On 3rd May, Tom returned to his normal route, Derby, Swadlincote, Burton-on-Trent and had a further

frightening experience...

Tom's New Revelation (January 2013)

After describing the UFO object seen on the night of 12/13 2013, Tom Culleton went on to say that back in May 1996 something had occurred that he had never spoken about, it happened while he had been working in the Burton on Trent, Post Office in the sorting office department.

It was on a Thursday or Friday night in the midst of all the sorting activity, the telephone rang in the department and a colleague (John McCann) took the call and shouted across to "it's for you Tom"!

Tom was a little mystified but walked across and picked up the phone. He identified himself, "Tom here" the caller did not acknowledge or identify himself, but the voice said "next Tuesday at 4.15am look up in the sky towards the Northwest and you will see something special!" Then the line went dead.....Tom was puzzled and carried on with his work in the depot without revealing what he had been told.

The following week Tom was working at Burton on Trent, on his night shift in the early hours of Tuesday morning (later thought to be between 3.30am and 4.10am), he was standing on the tail lift of a truck, when his attention was attracted by a circular flash of light in the clouds. The clouds were low and moving quickly across the sky on that particular night.

As he watched, what he described as "a beautiful craft, glowing all the colours of the rainbow, came straight down through the clouds then stopped close to ground level, paused for a second and then shot back up through the clouds at a phenomenal speed."

Standing on the tail lift of the Post Office van Tom had an excellent view of the "beautiful" craft and watched dumfounded as it stopped for a moment and then quickly rose up back through the clouds and was gone!

There had been no sound from the craft during the encounter and subsequently there were no further telephone calls from the mystery voice.

Tom later related the story and said "I know what I saw, someone could put a million £'s on the table and ask me to deny it, but I know what I saw!"

End.

The Troggs singer Reg Presley dies aged 71



The Troggs singer who died this week (5 February 2013) was an amiable eccentric who devoted his fortune to seeking proof that aliens were making contact with us.

Presley spent the royalties he received from the Wet, Wet, Wet recording of Love Is All Around in the Nineties on his hobby and at one stage claimed to have obtained footage of a metallic disc seen “nosin’ around at crop height”.

He regaled his friends with his theories over pints in the Barge Inn in Pewsey Vale, gave talks on the subject, lectured in the US and Germany and even wrote a book, called Wild Things They Don’t Tell Us, about alien abductions and the close relationship between UFOs and ancient monuments.

He spent his latter years scouring the rural landscape at night with binoculars in the hope of contacting extraterrestrials and believing in the benefits of swallowing powdered gold, which on one occasion he tried to manufacture himself.

“His interests are harmless; he’s not mad,” Keith Altham once remarked.

“He’s one of the most grounded people I’ve encountered in the music business but he had a tendency to watch The X Files and believe it was true.”

In the two years that followed Wild Thing the band had seven chart hits including Anyway That You Want Me, With A Girl Like You, and Love Is All Around. The latter was covered by Wet, Wet, Wet 27 years later and was on the soundtrack to the film Four Weddings And A Funeral, earning Presley an unexpected windfall in royalties.

By then, Presley had settled into a quiet life with wife Brenda in Andover. And it was there in June 1974 that he had a remarkable experience. “It was lunchtime,” he said.

“I saw a news bulletin about a fire in Flixborough. It described how the blaze was melting windows half a mile away. I told my wife about it. Six o’clock I turn on the news again and it says the explosion happened at eight minutes to five. How did I see a report about a disaster four hours before it happened?

Could the broadcast signal have been affected by gravity?”

It was the beginning of a lifelong interest in the unknown, particularly aliens, UFOs and crop circles.

Our colleague ‘Busty Taylor’ (Crop Circle photographer) was a close associate of Reg Presley for many years and we pass on our sincere sympathy to Reg Presley’s friends and family.

Scientists unveil new detectors in race to save Earth from next asteroid

Science editor Robin McKie reports from Boston as experts create warning systems to minimise risk from impact

The extraterrestrial double whammy that Earth only partially avoided on Friday (Feb 15th) has triggered an immediate response from astronomers. Several have announced plans to create state-of-the-art detection systems to give warning of incoming asteroids and meteoroids. These include projects backed by Nasa as well as proposals put forward by private [space](#) contractors.

In each case, scientists want to develop techniques that can pinpoint relatively small but still potentially devastating meteoroids, comets and asteroids that threaten to strike Earth. These would give notice of impact of several days or possibly weeks and allow threatened areas to be evacuated.

The announcements of the various plans follow Friday's meteorite crash that caused devastation in Chelyabinsk, [Russia](#). On the same day, a 150ft-diameter asteroid swept to within 17,000 miles of Earth.

The fact that the two events happened together has been dismissed as "a cosmic coincidence" by scientists. Nevertheless, astronomers – many gathered at the American Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting in Boston this weekend – have been quick to reassure the public that they have plans to provide better warnings of future impacts.

"The hundreds of people injured in Russia show it is time to take action and no longer be passive about these events," said Rick Tumlinson, chairman of the US company Deep Space Industries. His company is preparing to launch a series of small spacecraft later this decade. These are aimed at surveying nearby asteroids to see if they can be mined for metals and ores.

However the fleet could also be used to monitor small, difficult-to-detect objects that threaten to strike Earth. Deep Space Industries – which is based in McLean, Virginia – proposes building 10 spacecraft at a cost of \$100m (£65m) over the next four years, though it has not indicated who will fund missions.

The University of Hawaii has proposed a cheaper, simpler system known as Atlas – Advanced Terrestrial-Impact Last Alert System – to be constructed with the help of a \$5m grant from Nasa.

It will consist of a series of eight telescopes, each fitted with powerful cameras, to be built on Hawaiian islands whose clear air makes accurate observations particularly easy.

Astronomer Professor John Tonry, of Hawaii University, said Atlas – which is scheduled to begin operations in 2015 – would have an extremely high sensitivity, which he compared to the detection of a match flame in New York when viewed from San Francisco.

He said Atlas would give a one-week warning for a small asteroid – which he called "a city killer" – and three weeks for a larger "county killer". Tonry added: "That is enough time to evacuate the area, take measures to protect buildings and other infrastructure, and be alert to a tsunami danger generated by ocean impacts."

Astronomers believe they have pinpointed all large asteroids whose orbits bring them close to Earth. To date, none has been found on a collision course with our planet. However, small asteroids only a few dozen metres across are very difficult to spot but massive enough to cause local devastation.

Had the time of entry of the Chelyabinsk meteorite into the atmosphere varied by only a few hours, its path would have brought it down over much larger population centres in northern England. Hence the pressure from astronomers to develop ways to pinpoint small objects in space.

An Interesting 'Flying Triangle' Abduction Case From Our Archives!

Taken from an interview between Miss 'MF' and Omar Fowler on the 13th September 1996

A 'FLYING TRIANGLE' ABDUCTION CASE: NORTH. YORKSHIRE 1996

This alleged incident took place on the 3rd of July 1996 in a village called Bilton near Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Miss MF (32) had finished an early shift at her place of work and as it was a nice sunny day, she decided to take a walk and into the nearby countryside. As she walked along she came across a pleasant looking field and finding a comfortable spot, sat down to read a book, the time was 9.45am.

It was sunny and warm as Miss MF sat quietly reading, then quite suddenly she was aware a large shadow moving over her. She looked up and was astonished to see a large black triangular craft overhead. It was twice the size of an aircraft and had a white light at each corner and hovered over her.

"I was amazed at the size of it and also the fact that there was no noise. In the quiet of the countryside, there should have been a noise from it, but there was nothing and that unnerved me. There were three lights on the triangle, but there were also other lights near it, which kept on flashing away", commented Miss MF.

Then suddenly a beam of blue light shot down from the FT and covered her. "The next thing, I felt that I was going upwards, very, very fast and I felt really sick. My nose was hurting and I'm scared of heights, I couldn't see anything, I was going up so fast and just seemed to black-out."

"The next moment, I was in a strange building everything was very bright white, so bright I couldn't see anything and there was a funny smell to it. I couldn't see much, because it was so white. I felt that I was laid on something, but I don't know what it was."

Miss MF then went on reluctantly to describe what happened next, there were strange small 'beings' around her and they were doing something down near her legs, but she couldn't see or feel anything. She went on to say: "I know that people see these drawings of Aliens on T-shirts and things, but these weren't like that. They had black eyes, there was no whites to their eyes, they had no eyebrows, no eyelashes, no cheekbones, no ears, no mouth or any facial hair or anything similar to our skin. It was just one skin tone a translucent white, I couldn't see any pores, any hair or any bone or anything."

"There was a taller Alien, he seemed to be in charge of the others and looked the same as the others, but he was about 6ft. I say 'he', 'it', I don't know what it was. He stood over me and then stared into my eyes and then I got this feeling of euphoria and happiness, which is odd. I thought that we could communicate because I'm sure that he could see what I was seeing and I had a feeling that I should be at peace, which is not a normal reaction, I should have been terrified."

"That was the last thing that I remember, the next thing was, I woke up in the field (*from where she had been abducted*), but I was in a different spot from where I had been originally and I found my book in the hedge. My watch had stopped, although I didn't notice this at the time and I had a rash on my arm."

"When I got home 5 1/2 hours had elapsed, when I went in, I've got five dogs, the dogs reacted strangely to me, instead of coming up and jumping all over me, like they normally did, they were like whimpering and cowering away and sniffing all the way around me. I had an awful headache and nosebleeds. I thought it was like some kind of dream, but I've kept having really bad flashbacks and I have just felt really ill."

Omar Fowler comments:

Miss 'MF' has related a number of known features about FT's and unless she had been studying them in particular, it seems unlikely that she could have made up this story. She refers to the three white lights, one at each corner, Miss 'MF' then went on to say that a 'blue beam' shone on her and she was transported up to the craft. This is also consistent with other reports relating to FT's. We have also heard of some species of Aliens having no mouth or ears, only large dark eyes and the 'tall Alien' appeared to be in charge. He then came and peered into her eyes, once again a known Alien procedure.

It was not unusual for her to be returned to a different area from where she was taken. She made an interesting observation when she commented on finding her book in the hedge, at the point where she had been sitting originally.

The Baltic Sea Mystery Deepens

I am one hundred percent convinced and confident that we have found something in May of last year that is very, very, very unique," member Dennis Asberg said. (Object found by Swedish treasure hunters in May 2011 . See OVNI July/August 2012)

There are perfectly straight lines and angles embedded into the smooth structure and a diver is photographed below.

The lines can be made by natural causes, but they look very man made. The grooves are about 1-1.5 meter wide and 0.5-1.5 meters deep. The disc has a completely circular plate-like exterior, 180 meters in circumference. Object is 200 foot across mushroom shaped comprising a thick pillar rising eight meters out of the seabed with a four meter thick dome on top rising a total of 12 meters (approx 40 feet) high above the surrounding seabed

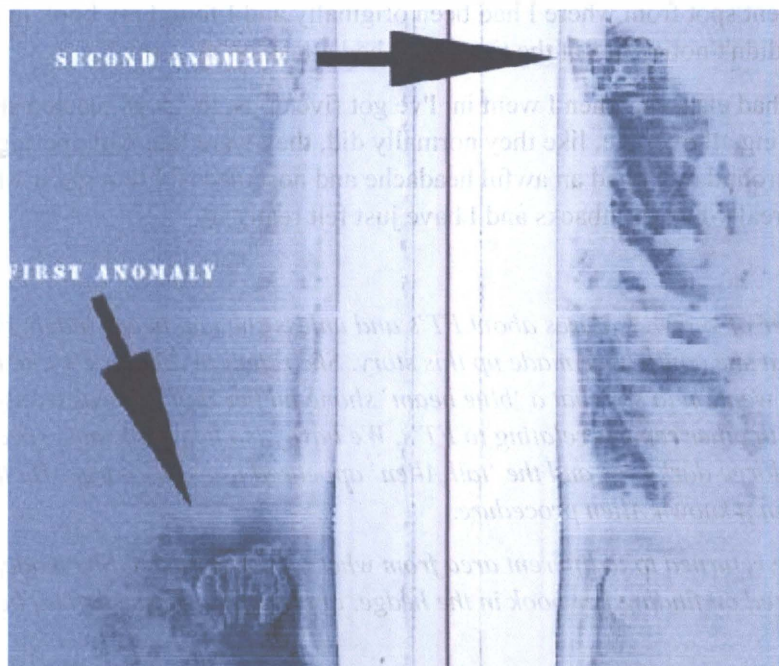
There are visible formations on top of the object, which are set at a 90 degree angle and look like passageways or walls, as well as something that looks like it could be a staircase. There are visible formations on top of the object, which are set at a 90 degree angle and look like passageways or walls, as well as something that looks like it could be a staircase.

There are stone circles, like "fireplaces" of hard black "almost petrified" burnt looking stone each a few inches in diameter, like 4 or 5 pearls in a necklace in various arrangements on top of the dome. It might be a meteorite, or the base from a U-boat, - or a UFO?

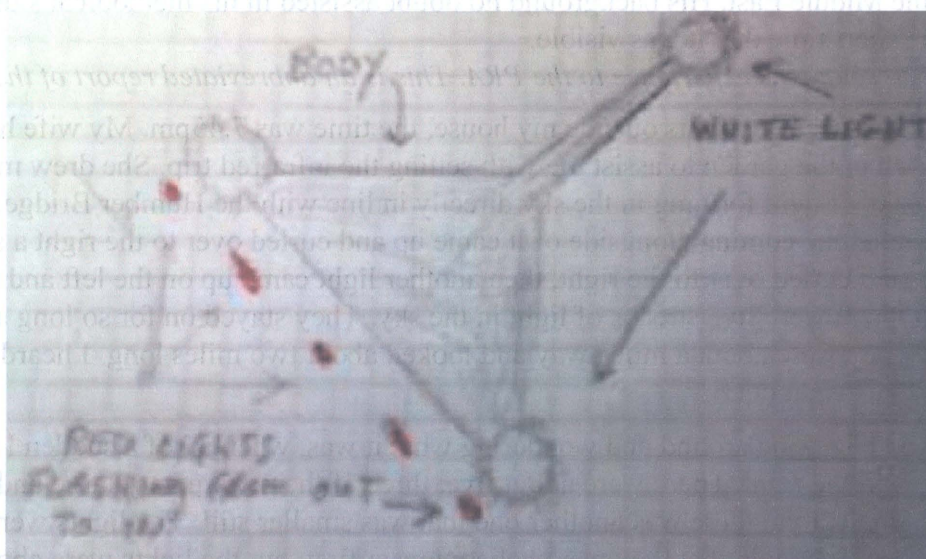
"The Ocean X team did get some pictures, such as these soot-covered rocks that encircled an egg-shaped hole which went into the object at its centre, and have no idea what any of it means. There is a long 985-foot runway, skid marks, or a downhill path that is flattened at the seabed with the object at the end of it.

A SECOND Anomaly saw found.....

The initial side scan sonar images show something shaped like a "gothic church window." It is similar to the larger object and also has a disturbed seafloor area leading up to it, or what could be a ridge. The divers were so amazed by the main anomaly that they simply didn't have time to dive on the second one. The return trip in two weeks time should present an opportunity for this to finally be explored. The sonar picture of the unidentified object resembles the famed Star Wars ship the Millennium Falcon. They have no way of telling what is inside the object whether it is filled with gold and riches or simply aged sediment particles.



THAT LOOKS FAMILIAR!

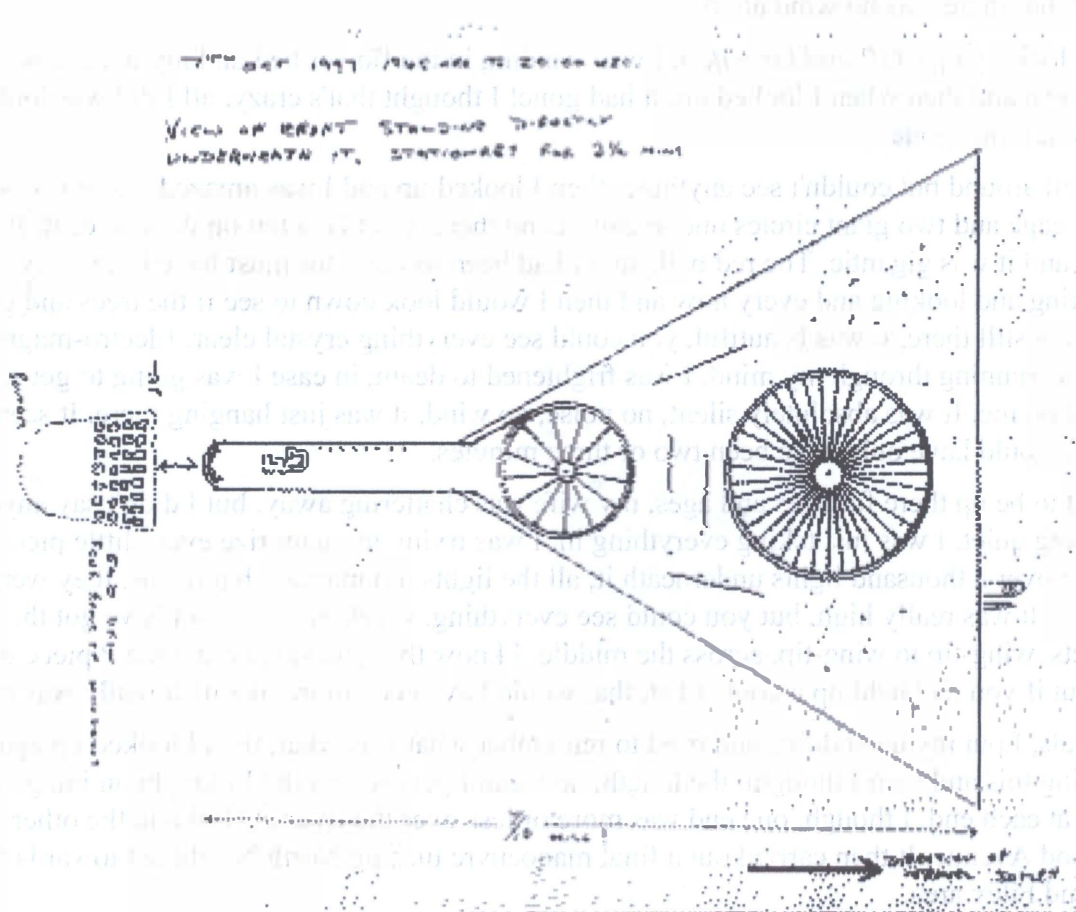


California Triangle (Fliers Files #8—2013)

Murrieta -- I saw a triangular object with three bright lights on February 14, 2013. There were five red blinking lights on the rear from outside to the inside.

Thanks to William Puckett, Director <http://www.UFOsnw.com>

THE 'HULL FT' 7-10-1997



Details of this sighting are given on the following page

GIGANTIC FLYING TRIANGLE CRAFT SEEN OVER HULL 7TH OCTOBER 1997

The witness (ref: GP), lives in Hull and is an engineer with a major oil company. He has travelled widely throughout the Middle East. His background no doubt assisted in his methodical study of this huge craft during the short time that it was visible.

(GP drove to Derby to relate his experience to the PRA. This is an abbreviated report of the incident.)

I had been adjusting new security lights outside my house, the time was 7.45pm. My wife had been walking back and forth in the garden to assist me with setting the infra-red trip. She drew my attention to a series of red streaks of light forming in the sky directly in line with the Humber Bridge. The centre one was exactly straight, one coming alongside of it came up and curled over to the right a second one came up next to that and curled over to the right, then another light came up on the left and curled over to the left again until there were five streaks of light in the sky. They stayed on for so long and then they started clicking out. They were about a mile away and looked about two miles long. I heard a buzzing and a 'crack' as the lights went out.

I was just standing there looking around and wondering what it was, when all of a sudden I saw a series of 'fiery red lights' up on the right. There were about five, three of them were very large and the one on the end was slightly smaller and there was another one that was smaller still. The lights were flickering, like a blacksmiths forge. I thought that they were helicopters at first, but the lights were about ten times bigger than a helicopter. Then I saw other lights over on the right, then I saw an orange glow and I suddenly realised that this the result of the city lights bouncing off the bottom of a huge craft and it was a Triangle. I thought I just don't believe this!

It was moving blunt side forward at about 30mph. The sheer size was enormous! You could see the lights curling around the edges of the Triangle and you could see the bottom of it, just an orange glow. Anyway, it stopped and it did a turn, overturned (*went too far*) and then corrected itself. It went a bit further on for about a quarter of a mile, stopped and did the same thing again. I wondered if the wind was turning it, but there was no wind at all.

We were looking up (*GP and his wife*), I was standing in the flower bed and my neck was aching and I looked down and then when I looked up, it had gone! I thought that's crazy, all I did was look down! That was it, it had gone.

I looked all around but couldn't see anything, then I looked up and I was amazed, there was something like a rib-cage and two giant circles underneath it and there was like a tail on the end of it. It was right above us and it was gigantic. The red balls that I had been looking for must have been above it. I just kept looking and looking and every now and then I would look down to see if the trees and grass, the garage were still there, it was beautiful, you could see everything crystal clear. Electro-magnetic forces all this was running through my mind. I was frightened to death, in case I was going to get some sort of forcefield on me. It was absolutely silent, no noise, no wind, it was just hanging there. It seemed an eternity, but it could have only have been two or three minutes.

It seemed to be up there for ages and ages, my wife was chattering away, but I didn't say anything, I was just keeping quiet, I was just taking everything in. I was trying to memorize every little piece, there must have been over a thousand lights underneath it, all the lights, no matter what it was, they were all pale blue lights. It was really high, but you could see everything, I reckon you could have got three 747 Jumbo jets, wing-tip to wing-tip, across the middle. I know that you say, hold a ten P piece up at arms length, but if you had held up a cricket bat, that would have been more like it! It really was massive.

At intervals, I put my head down and tried to remember what was what, then I looked up again to check, I was doing this and then I thought, the length, how can I get the length? I thought an imaginary plumb line, one at each end. I thought, one end was more or less over the river at Hull and the other end at Greenwood Avenue. It then carried out a final manoeuvre turning North/NorthEast towards the Bridlington and Filey area.

Anyway the next day, I took the car and set the day-trip on the speedo' and drove from one point to the other and it was seven tenths of a mile! It could have been a little smaller, but it rules out 20 feet and rules out half a mile. I know it seems really bizarre, but that's what it was!

July 10, 2012 Coast to Coast

DNA Research:

On Monday's show, Professor of Human Genetics at the University of Oxford since 1997, [Bryan Sykes](#), discussed some of his fascinating DNA research findings, including his study of American genetics. The United States' population contains a convergence of DNA from a number of continents, with interesting crossovers such as some African Americans having European genes. According to earlier research (not done by Sykes), Native Americans actually originated from Siberia, China, and even Europe, but the DNA blood testing that yielded these results was done without their consent, and thus raised controversy and ire, he detailed. Interestingly, some people from Britain have been found to have Native American genes, he added.

Sykes described his work on the "Seven Daughters of Eve." Astonishingly, almost everyone in Europe has mitochondrial (maternal) DNA they inherited from one of seven actual women who lived between 10,000 and 45,000 years ago. Additionally, there are "36 maternal ancestors spread throughout the world," he noted. It's suspected that [Genghis Khan](#) also established a legacy, with his particular Y chromosome shared among some 15 million males in Asia. The Y (male) chromosome in general has been subject to more degeneration and mutation than the X (female) chromosome, and if this continues males might eventually become extinct, he warned.

In his latest project, Sykes is doing DNA testing of suspected Yeti and Bigfoot hair samples in tandem with the University of Lausanne in Switzerland. So far, some of the samples have turned out to be from bears. If the results indicate an unknown species, he said could compare DNA sequences and place the species somewhere on the evolutionary tree, such as between chimps and humans. Recent evidence has shown that in addition to Neanderthals, there were other human-type species living concurrently with homo sapiens, and Sykes posited that Bigfoot and Yeti might be "small relic populations of these other human species."

Crick's Nobel Prize

Goes up for auction

(By Nick Clark: i Paper 27 Feb 2013) *Edited*

Six decades after Francis Crick helped identify the structure of DNA, the Nobel Prize he received is going under the hammer.

The Cambridge academic was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine alongside James Watson and Maurice Wilkins in 1962, nine years after deciphering DNA's double helix.

But his family have now decided to put the medal and diploma, alongside other memorabilia, up for auction - the first time a Nobel Prize has been up for public sale. Crick died in 2004 at the age of 88, and the 23-carat gold medal, which is engraved with his initials and the date of the award, has been in a safe-deposit box in California since the death of his widow, three years later..



Kindra Crick, the scientist's grand-daughter, said "The family had a hard time knowing what to do with the Nobel Prize. We were keen it didn't stay in storage. We needed to make it available to someone who could take care of it but also put it on display."

"There is a part of science history and there are a select group who would buy it and also put it on show, which we would find hard, so it can inspire the next generation of scientists."

Even during his lifetime, the award was kept locked away. His children did not recollect seeing it after the ceremony, while grand-daughter Kindra had never seen it. "He was not one to rest on his laurels," she said.

The initial bid for the medal and diploma is \$500,000 but some have estimated it could end up going for as much as \$5m.

New Zealand Hot Spot for UFO Activity

NORTHLAND -- The truth may be out and about in Northland with numerous reports of strange phenomena above the region - from curious lights, mysterious craft and even a possible alien landing, and video footage being sent overseas for expert analysis September 2012..

Suzanne Hansen, network director for Ufocus NZ research, which collates UFO/UAP (unidentified aerospace phenomena) reports, said she had received 237 such sightings so far this year, with many from Northland.

Ms Hansen said there had been a significant increase in sightings involving descriptions of actual objects (not aircraft) as opposed to "lights in the sky" sightings. ***"Several of these have involved the sighting of entities in conjunction with an object,"*** she said.

However, president of the Northland Astronomical Society Terry Hickey said, ***"There were sound explanations for what people thought they had seen, but that aliens had yet to make it to Earth."***

But Ms Hansen said specific objects have been described, with reports coming from scientists, pilots, aviation personnel and police.

She said a "top scientist" had reported seeing an object land in an isolated part of Northland that was "definitely not an aircraft or like anything else he had seen." "In these cases, we have withheld most of these reports to see if corroborative reports come in.



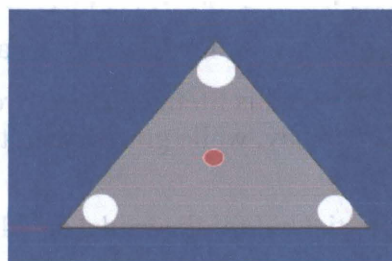
This has been the case in each of these cases, with corroborative sightings of identical objects coming in from different parts of the country," Ms Hansen said.

"We have also had a number of reports from people who said they had previously been skeptics, but have had to change their perspectives having had a sighting themselves that they could not explain. There are several photos and video footage being examined overseas by analysts."

Most of the reports this year have been from the BOP/central North Island, Auckland and Northland, Canterbury and Manawatu, with the balance spread around the country. Ken Pfeifer MUFON NJ

U.S.A. Missouri FT Sighting

Independence I am the Assistant State Director for MUFON Missouri, and on July 1, 2012, I had this sighting with 17 friends and family while we were at a birthday party for my granddaughter. I was looking at the moon when I noticed an object moving northwest. I saw the triangle shape and three very bright white lights pointing downward, and one red light in the center which was flashing sequentially, it made no sound and flying at 500 feet and under a mile due to the size of it. It would take a golf ball or larger to cover it up at arms length.



Mars Rover Spots Metallic 'Arm' Sticking Out Of A Rock (PICTURES)

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There's another weird thing on Mars, and Nasa really doesn't know what it is this time.

You may remember the \$2.5 billion Curiosity rover currently drilling rocks on the Red Planet already found [strange shiny things](#) and what was labelled [a 'Martian Flower'](#).

But if anything, this is even weirder.

An image posted by Nasa on 30 January and taken with the right Mastcam on Curiosity shows what appears to be a 0.5cm metal spoke protruding out of a rock.

The strange sight - which looks a bit like a robotic arm - was noticed by [imaging editor Elisabetta Bonora from Italy](#).



Whatever it is looks shiny, casts a shadow on the rock below, looks different to the rock it emerges from. Universe Today speculates that it might be a different type of rock more resistant to erosion. Gizmodo instead [wonders aloud whether it's evidence of an alien death ship](#).

What do you think? Are you convinced this is proof of intelligent life on Mars, or just another boring thing in the dirt? (Which, by the way, [isn't red](#).)

Feb. 9, 2013: NASA's Curiosity rover has used a drill carried at the end of its robotic arm to bore into a flat, veiny rock on Mars and collect a sample from its interior. This is the first time any robot has drilled into a rock to collect a sample on Mars.

This is the biggest milestone accomplishment for the Curiosity team since the sky-crane landing last August, another proud day for America," says John Grunsfeld, NASA associate administrator for the agency's Science Mission Directorate. "The most advanced planetary robot ever designed is now a fully operating analytical laboratory on Mars."

TALE ENDERS

COAST TO COAST (USA) February 13, 2013

Appearing during the middle two hours of Tuesday's show, author and journalist [Jim Marrs](#) discussed archeological discoveries that not only support the notion that human civilization originated from ETs, but that advanced civilizations have made Earth their home long before the recorded dates in our history books. He also addressed how mainstream science and institutions have worked to hide our possible true heritage. He connected "ancient aliens"-- the idea that ETs were on our planet thousands of years ago tinkering with mankind's genetics, with the wealthy elite-- a group of about 13 families that try to run the world. Marrs suggested that the elite know of the ancient astronaut connection, and believe they are possibly connected/descended from them.

The government controls secret knowledge of the past such as the evidence for ancient aliens, as well as giants, he said, and there is a whole hidden history of advanced civilizations, as well, exemplified by sites like the mysterious Gobekli Tepe, which is 7,000 years older than Stonehenge. Marrs touched on various UFO incidents throughout history, including the UFO crash reported in Aurora, Texas in 1897. According to his research, a type of aluminum was found buried at the crash site that was not of the same make-up as modern aluminum. He also presented his theory that UFOs are flying in energy fields that nullify gravity and time, which explains why vehicles suddenly stop, and people experience missing time during a sighting.

STRANGE BANGS. strange booms and flashes of light have been witnessed in Warwick and Providence, Rhode Island and Somerset, Massachusetts. By January 9, 2013, a dozen regions across the United States had reported the same phenomenon including booms on January 7-8th in Warrick and Vanderburgh Counties, Indiana. Then on January 8-9th there were repeating booms and extremely bright flashes of light on a clear night in Cedar Hill, Utah, near Provo. One week before, two Cedar Hill residents saw an eerie, silent triangle pattern of pumpkin-orange lights in the night sky near their home. Linda interviewed Cedar Hill witness James Brown and his wife Amy, who described the craft they saw on two occasions, and the loud unexplained rumblings and booms, which sounded as if they were in a war zone at times.

MYSTERY over dozens of dead sea creatures washed up in Peru.

Nearly 100 dead sea creatures and birds have washed up on a Peruvian coastline and experts are trying to work out the mystery surrounding their deaths. [Sky News](#) reports that 18 sea turtles, 22 sea lions, 16 angular roughsharks, eight dolphins and 22 marine birds were found during an inspection by government officials. A number of the creatures were sprayed with a special paint as part of the investigation of the discovery along 77 miles of the Lambayeque coastline.

Jaime De La Cruz, an engineer at Peru's Ocean Institute, said details of their cause of death were expected in the coming weeks.

NEXT PRA MEETING

The next PRA meeting will take place at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby (DE24 9AF) at 8pm on Tuesday 26th March.

A DVD produced by **RICHPANET TV** of an interview with **Dr Judy Wood** (9/11 research) will be shown plus supporting programme.

Non members welcome. £2 on the night & Free UFO Book Raffle.

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